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SUBJ: PRESIDENT CALDERA ON PASTRANA VISIT

1. PRESIDENT LED OFF REGULAR WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 26 BY CHARACTERIZING PRESIDENT PASTRANA'S VISIT AS "HIGHLY POSITIVE", PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF SPONTANEOUS FRIENDLINESS AND SPIRIT OF COOPERATION DEMONSTRATED. HE SAID PASTRANA'S PRESENCE CONTRIBUTED TO UNPRECEDENTED BRILLIANCE OF BATTLE OF LAKE MARACAIBO SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS. MOST CONCRETE RESULT OF VISIT, HE NOTED, IS THAT TODAY "THE TWO PEOPLES AND TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE MUCH CLOSER".

2. ASKED BY REPORTER WHY JOINT COMMUNIQUE DID NOT MENTION GULF OF VENEZUELA DISPUTE, CALDERA SAID THAT AT TIMES IN DELICATE MATTERS BEING TOO SPECIFIC CAN CONFUSE PUBLIC OPINION AND OBSTRUCT A SOLUTION. HE SAID HE HAD TOLD COLOMBIAN JOURNALISTS TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN BOTH PRESIDENTS THAT NEITHER WILL MAKE AGREEMENT BEHIND BACKS OF TWO PEOPLES CONCERNED. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT TO PUBLISH DETAILS OF NEGOTIATIONS WOULD SACRIFICE MANY ADVANTAGES TO BE FOUND IN DIRECT CONTACTS.

3. MEANWHILE, FOREIGN MINISTER CALVANI JULY 26 DENIED REPORT CARRIED BY LOCAL TV STATION PREVIOUS DAY THAT AGREEMENT ON DISPUTE HAD IN FACT BEEN REACHED. PRESS ALSO FEATURED PARALLEL DENIAL BY COLOMBIAN FOEIGN MINISTER.  
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